

REMARKS

The amendments to the claims set forth in the Examiner's Amendment attached to the Notice of Allowability enclosed with the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed February 13, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application, are noted. These amendments include amendments to claims 6, 24 and 25, and are referred to in the Interview Summary (for the telephone Interview on February 9, 2004) also attached to the Notice of Allowability enclosed with the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due mailed February 13, 2004.

The listed amendments to claims 6 and 25 are consistent with amendments to the claims as discussed during the telephone Interview.

However, there was a variation in amendments to claim 24, between amendments discussed during the aforementioned telephone Interview, and in the aforementioned Examiner's Amendment. Specifically, and for clarification for the record, note that in claim 24 of the Amendment After Final Rejection filed December 29, 2003, line 22 (rather than line 21, as set forth in the aforementioned Examiner's Amendment), the phrase ~~of the~~ has been added before the phrase "face plates". Note that there is no phrase "face plates" in line 21 of this claim 24, the phrase "face plates" being the first two words in line 22 of claim 24.

Applicants have further amended line 23 of claim 24 (from the Amendment After Final Rejection filed December 29, 2003), to recite the phrase ~~two of the face plates--~~, rather than "two other face plates". This use of the phrase "two of the face plates" is consistent with amendments made at claim 24, line 22 (of the Amendment After Final Rejection filed December 29, 2003), as well as amendments made to claim 25 by Examiner's Amendment.

It is respectfully requested that the present amendment of claim 24 be entered. It is respectfully submitted that this amendment of claim 24 is necessary in order to properly reflect agreement as to amendment of claim 24, from the aforementioned telephone interview on February 9, 2004. Moreover, this further amendment of claim 24 provides consistency in recitation in the claims, providing claim 24 clearly consistent with the remaining claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the present amendment of claim 24 further ensures that the invention present in claim 24 is defined with further sufficient clarity to form an adequate basis for an enforceable contract, so that the present amendment to claim 24 should be entered. It is respectfully submitted that the presently amended claim 24 requires no additional search or examination, being allowable for the same reasons that the Examiner has previously allowed the claims, including claim 24. Moreover, clearly the present amendments to claim 24 are timely, being responsive to the Examiner's Amendment wherein the Examiner first amended claim 24 to provide language presently being amended.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants provide the necessary showing under 37 C.F.R. §1.312, such that entry of the present amendments is clearly proper.

Entry of the present amendments, and, subsequent thereto, issuance of a U.S. patent based upon the above-identified application in due course, are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. Please charge any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account of Antonelli,

Terry, Stout & Kraus, No. 01-2135 (Application No. 648.41258X00), and please credit any excess fees to said deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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